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SUBJECT: BRAZIL'S POSITION ON CUBA ISSUE IN OAS

REF: (A) BRASILIA 7153, (B) TELECON WITH ACTING ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY BOWDLER

1. JUST AFTER THE PREPARATION OF REFTEL, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA CALLED ME TO REPORT THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON, A MINOR CHANGE HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN PARA 1 OF THE FACIO-VIGNES DRAFT, BUT THERE HAD ALSO BEEN A MAJOR CHANGE MADE IN THAT THE FINAL CLAUSE OF PARA 3 HAD BEEN DELETED AND INSTEAD A COMPLETELY NEW RESOLUTION, TO BE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL ACTING AS THE POC, WOULD BE SUBSTITUTED. IT WAS SILVEIRA'S OPINION THAT THE SEPARATION HAD BEEN MADE TO PERMIT COUNTRIES TO VOTE AGAINST THE NEW, SECOND RESOLUTION. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE SECRETARY WAS REPORTED TO HAVE APPROVED THE NEW DRAFT. SILVEIRA SAID THAT HE WAS RUNNING TO SEE THE PRESIDENT AND WOULD CALL ME AS SOON AS HE RETURNED.

2. SILVEIRA HAS NOW CALLED AN REPORTS THE FOLLOWING AS HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT:

A. BRAZIL WOULD ACCEPT (I.E., VOTE FOR) THE FIRST RESOLUTION.

B. AT THE MOMENT OF VOTING, THE BRAZILIAN REP ON THE PERMANENT COUNCIL WOULD STATE:

(1) BRAZIL WAS VOTING FOR THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE  
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IT HAD INCORPORATED THE BRAZILIAN CONCEPTS IN THE TERMS

OF REFERENCE;

(2) BRAZIL WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO HAVE HAD THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY SO THAT COUNTRIES COULD BASE THEIR VOTES ON FACTUAL INFORMATION;

(3) BRAZIL BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT THE POC COULD RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM COUNTRIES THAT DESIRED TO PROVIDE IT.

C. WITH RESPECT TO THE SECOND RESOLUTION, BRAZIL WOULD PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT ADDING TO THE PRESENT TEXT THE CLAUSE: "INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MEMBER STATES DESIRING TO SUBMIT IT." IF THIS AMENDMENT WAS NOT ACCEPTED, BRAZIL MIGHT RPT MIGHT ABSTAIN AND THE BRAZDEL WOULD STATE ITS OPINION THAT IN ANY CASE THE POC COULD NOT REFUSE TO ACCEPT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MEMBER STATES WISHING TO SUBMIT IT.

3. SILVEIRA CAUTIONED THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WAS ONLY FOR US AND THAT HE WAS NOT PASSING THE POSITION ON TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS. THIS STATEMENT HAS JUST BEEN "CORRECTED" BY HIS CHIEF OF CABINET WHO SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS ADVISING ALL THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS OF THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED BRAZILIAN AMENDMENT, WITHOUT INDICATING THE NATURE OF THE ACCOMPANYING PLANNED STATEMENTS.

4. ON THE BASIS OF THE TELECON WITH BOWDLER, I TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THERE APPARENTLY HAD BEEN SEVERAL PRECEDENTS FOR THE KIND OF SPLIT RESOLUTION CONTEMPLATED IN THE NEW DRAFT AND THAT IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE SECOND RESOLUTION WOULD BE APPROVED. I NOTED THAT THE NEW DRAFT WAS BEING CAREFULLY STUDIED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT WAS NOT BOOBY-TRAPPED. I ADDED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD NOT YET EVEN SEEN THE NEW DRAFT AND THEREFORE THE QUESTION OF HIS "APPROVAL" HAD NOT ARISEN. SILVEIRA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE SECOND RESOLUTION WOULD PASS BUT HE OBVIOUSLY WAS SKEPTICAL THAT THE SPLITTING OFF OF THE REFERENCE TO THE "PREPARATORY" TASK OF THE POC WAS PROCEDURAL. "EVERYTHING," HE SAID, "WAS NOW POLITICAL."  
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